

U. S. MILITARY FORCE TOTALLY INADEQUATE

Secretary Garrison Lays Formal
Argument for His Army Plan
Before House Committee.

HE URGES DEFINITE POLICY

Integrity of Nation, He Says, and Its
Very Existence, May Depend Upon
What Action Congress Takes on
This Question.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Secretary Garrison laid before the House Military Affairs Committee today his formal argument in behalf of the administration's army plan, which is designed to give the country a definite military policy. It proposes the creation of a mobile Federal force of more than 1,000,000 men in six years, accumulation of a large reserve of ammunition and equipment and elaborate extension of the coast defenses, the whole project involving an increased expense of \$500,000,000 and an annual War Department budget thereafter of more than \$300,000,000, as compared with an average of \$100,000,000 for the last few years.

"The integrity of the nation and its very existence," the secretary said, reading from a lengthy statement he had prepared, "may depend upon what is done in this matter. The very great opportunity will be lost unless a wise, sensible and practical policy is the result of the consideration and action of this Congress."

Referring to the far-reaching military responsibilities of the nation, reaching into the insular possessions, China, Alaska, and the Panama Canal Zone, Mr. Garrison added:

"We have determined and announced that the sovereignty of the other republics on this hemisphere shall remain inviolable, and must, therefore, at all times stand ready to make good our position in this connection."

He then quoted figures to show the full strength of the army on June 30 last—165,933 officers and men of the combatant forces, and their present distribution. To these should be added, he said, 1,131 officers and 17,171 men of the non-combatant forces of the service, bringing the total number of Federal troops up to 183,104. He pointed out that the item of pay alone made up approximately 50 per cent of the total proposed appropriations.

The United States, including Alaska, said the secretary, is of greater area than the combined total of Austria-Hungary, Belgium, the British Isles, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russia in Europe, Spain and Turkey in Europe, the total of these areas representing only 10 per cent of that of the United States.

PRESENT MILITARY FORCE IS TOTALLY INADEQUATE

"It will be needless," he added, "to concede by any one who admits that military force is requisite at all that our present military force is totally inadequate to meet our responsibilities. The chaos which a crisis always produces where preparations in advance have not been made, makes it certain that several months of necessity would intervene after the outbreak of war before any considerable number of volunteers would be ready to take their training, and months of training must then ensue before they could be ready to be sent into battle."

A similar delay would meet the effort to assemble arms, equipment and ammunition, Mr. Garrison said, and he insisted that if it accomplished nothing more, the plan now proposed would elude much of this loss of time.

"There is a disposition upon the part of some," he continued, "to assume that we are facing a crisis. The only way to meet any emergency is by adopting emergency measures. The personnel and material needed for military purposes should be immediately mobilized. Every nerve should be strained, and every resource drawn upon, and nothing overlooked necessary to preserve and defend us, regardless of cost and of other considerations."

"In my view, the occasion calls for the adoption of a wise, sensible, adequate, military policy, on permanent lines and for definite ends."

"There is common agreement among those who have studied the subject intelligently that we should have a force in the continental United States of 500,000 men, subject to instant call."

"Modern warfare, while it has demonstrated the increased use of mechanical instruments of war, has not decreased the increased use of numbers. In addition, therefore, to those with the colors subject to instant call, there should be at all times in the country large numbers of men available, by reason of previous service, for military purposes."

HOW TO MEET REQUIREMENTS
IS IMMEDIATE PROBLEM

"Our immediate problem, therefore, seems to be how shall we meet these requirements."

"The Adjutant-General, after a most careful consideration of the whole subject, matter and personal attention thereto, reaches the conclusion that he cannot expect, under present conditions, to recruit more than 50,000 men per year for the army. It would, therefore, seem impracticable in the last degree to consider that the problem can be solved by providing for a standing army of the size necessary for this solution."

"I do not in any way share the fear of those who think that proper military preparations involve the interference of whatever with the supremacy of the civil authorities. I do, however, firmly believe that in a democracy the defense of the nation should rest upon the citizens, and not upon a professional, paid military force, constantly under arms and devoted solely to military pursuits. I think it is clear that from every standpoint we can dismiss the suggestion that the situation should be properly met by a standing army of 500,000 men, constantly under arms."

Turning to the National Guard, Mr. Garrison said:

"At the present time this force consists of approximately 129,000 men and officers, and it would, therefore, be necessary, if it is to be expanded to 400,000, to add 271,000 men and officers. If this policy should be attempted to be adopted, Congress would first have to require the States to raise and maintain all of these troops, and the States would have to practically treble their existing equipment. I do not know whether Congress would have any power to impose this burden upon the States. It seems to me that a mere statement of this situation indicates



Ben Cameron, "The Little Colonel," leaving his home for the front at the head of his regiment. "The Birth of a Nation" will be seen at the Academy of Music all next week.

how utterly futile it is to attempt this solution."

Mr. Garrison pointed out that the National Guard could be called in Federal service only for three purposes—to suppress domestic insurrection, to enforce the law and to repel invasion—and added: "There is no one thing so free from dispute as that the basis of any proper military system must be unity of responsibility, authority and control. It is absolutely impossible to have this essential unity under the constitutional provisions with respect to the organized militia or National Guard."

PROPOSED GREATER FEDERAL AID TO NATIONAL GUARD

"The suggestion that the situation can properly be met by some sort of provision making these troops subject to call of the nation for all purposes, in case of war, instead of only for the three purposes specified in the Constitution, overlooks and disregards the fundamental basic trouble which this country does not even touch, much less cure. The National Guard, however, as it exists, is a Federal asset. It is so circumstanced that it can volunteer for service in time of war and be taken into it as it exists. I, therefore, propose a large addition to the Federal aid extended to the national guard, so that the system may be operated to its maximum capacity and be available for the Federal purposes specified in its most effective condition."

"With respect to the so-called militia pay bill, I only desire to say this. I have always felt that any pay for militia training should proceed from the State and not from the nation. If the Congress prefers the method of direct Federal pay, it is not a matter in which I have any individual judgment upon which I care to pass."

Mr. Garrison took up suggestions that the Swiss or Australian military systems be adapted to American needs. Of the former, he said, universal military service has no jurisdiction over the public school systems of the various States. A constitutional amendment would be required to give it any such jurisdiction. Furthermore, it is not believed that the people of this country have reached the conclusion that compulsory military service is a necessity. However, rational such conclusion may be, and however inevitable it may be thought that the people will eventually reach such a conclusion, it is futile to found a policy upon any such requisite at this time. If there is not a reasonable hope to expect that the people will reach the conclusion that they will accept the approval of the people at this time, if you found your system upon any such essential basis, and there is no good ground to expect that you can secure such a basis by legislative enactment, the result would be that no step whatever would be taken, and that would be a lamentable result. If, on the other hand, you adopt a practical system, based upon the voluntary action of the people, and that fails, then policies based upon universal service or some form of compulsory service will be enacted as the only remaining remedy."

CONTINENTAL ARMY PLAN

The secretary then outlined the continental army plan, which proposes to raise 400,000 men in annual increments of 123,000 each from districts approximating the 400 Congressional districts, each to supply 322 men annually. The men would enlist for three years with the colors, and three years on furlough, and would be armed, equipped and officered. Their training would be done by the officers and men of the regular army organizations, and they would be paid during the time of their service on the same basis as the regular army.

"For convenience of designation," he continued, "this force has been called the continental army, but in fact it is a system of Federal volunteers, raised, organized, equipped and trained in time of peace. There is absolutely nothing new in this suggestion, as it has been a result reached and expressed by the very best military authorities this country has produced. It will not have escaped your notice that this proposed system is practically the same thing as the Swiss and Australian systems, leaving out the supervision of the public schools and work therein of a military character, and compulsory military service. If compulsory military service is desired for the country, then a provision in the act will accomplish it. Such a clause would provide that wherever the quota required of any district by a certain date is short of the proper number, a selective process to obtain that number shall be put into effect."

DECLINES CALL

Rev. James Winslow Clarke Will Remain With the Church of the Ascension.

Rev. James Winslow Clarke, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Highland Park, who has had under consideration a call to St. Y. Y. announced to his congregation last night that he had decided to stay in Richmond.

Mr. Clarke was formerly connected with the House of the Good Shepherd, an orphanage in Africa, and efforts were made to induce him to return to his former position. He has had the call under advisement for some days, and at a special service at the parish church last night announced his purpose to decline the call.

He has been the rector of the Church of the Ascension for nearly four years, and is well known in Richmond.

GIVES HIMSELF UP

Escaped Convict Writes Governor Stuart From Washington and Surrenders in Alexandria.

Eugene Dorsey, the life-term convict who escaped recently from the State Farm, wrote to Governor Stuart yesterday from Washington informing him that he will give himself up to the authorities. Apparently he was good at his word, for Superintendent Wood, of the State Penitentiary, was advised yesterday afternoon by the Alexandria police that the convict was in custody.

He was convicted with several other men for the murder of the artist, Walter Schultze. His sentence was commuted from death to life imprisonment. Superintendent Wood dispatched a patrol to Alexandria yesterday to bring Dorsey back.

Suffragists Hold Primary.
A primary election, at which candidates were named to be selected from the annual election of officers next Thursday, was held yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia. The ballots, taken away in sealed boxes, will be counted this morning.

Three honorary vice-presidents, Miss Ellen Glasgow, Mrs. C. V. Meredith and Mrs. S. D. Crenshaw, were chosen by acclamation.

Arrested for Cruelty.
A. B. Truxell, white, Lorenzo Gray, colored, and Moses Wiley, also colored, were arrested yesterday on charges of cruelty working mules.

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Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company of Delaware is Formed With \$200,000 Capital.

"The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company," says yesterday's Wall Street Journal, "has organized a trading company under the laws of Delaware, known as the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company of Delaware, with \$200,000 capital. This company was organized to enable the parent company to do business openly in states which have trading restrictions."

"For example, Missouri has a law whereby corporations with \$10,000,000 or more capital cannot do business in the State. To do business openly there, it was necessary for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, the capital of which is more than \$10,000,000, to organize a trading company. The parent company, which was organized under the laws of New Jersey, has no intention of financing any organization under the laws of any other state."

FURNITURE MEN TO MEET

Retail Dealers of State Will Discuss Proposed Legislation Affecting Furniture Trade.

At the meeting of the State Retail Furniture Dealers' Association, on Monday in the Hofheimer Building, the principal topic of the discussions will be legislation at the coming session of the General Assembly, of measures which affect the retail furniture trade of the State. A large attendance is expected as a number of important matters are under consideration. The legislative committee, composed of President W. E. Roan, S. P. Jones and O. H. Hopkins, will make its report. L. R. Brown is treasurer of the association and J. A. Gillman, of Charlottesville, is state secretary.

Accused of Reckless Driving.

S. T. Patterson, forty-three years old, who gave his occupation as that of a farmer, was arrested yesterday by Policemen Duffy and McNamara on the charge of being drunk and recklessly driving an automobile through the streets.

Say He Assaulted Woman.

It. A. Pruitt, forty-five years old, was arrested last night by Patrolman Crump on a warrant charging him with assaulting Mrs. Mary Gruner, of 200 Short Baker Street.

Indoor Life Makes Fat

TAKE OIL OF KOREIN TO KEEP WEIGHT DOWN, OR TO REDUCE SUPERFLUOUS FAT.

People who are confined within doors and who are deprived of fresh, invigorating air and exercise must take precaution to guard against overweight, as fat acquired by indoor life is unhealthy and a danger to the vital organs of the body. Lack of exercise in the fresh air weakens the oxygen-carrying power of the blood, so that it is unable to produce strong muscles and vitality and the formation of unsightly and unhealthy fat is the result.

If you are 15 or 20 pounds above normal weight you are daily drawing on your reserve strength and are constantly lowering your vitality by carrying this excess burden. Any person who is satisfied in their own mind that they are too stout should go to a good druggist and get a box of oil of korein capsules, and take one after each meal and one just before retiring at night.

Even a few days' treatment should show a noticeable reduction in weight. Fatness should improve, energy return, footsteps become lighter, and the skin less flabby in appearance. Oil of korein is inexpensive, cannot injure, helps the digestion and is designed to increase the oxygen-carrying power of the blood. Any person who wants to reduce their weight 15 or 20 pounds should give this treatment a trial. There is nothing better. Trangle Drug Co. can supply you.

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